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CHAPTER 22

SENATE BILL 1293

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 13-3722 AND 41-603, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO SOLICITATION FOR VETERANS' ORGANIZATIONS.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

Section 1. Section 13-3722, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

13-3722. <u>Solicitations for American veterans' organizations:</u> approval: violation: classification

- A. It is unlawful for a person to solicit money or other support in the name of American veterans unless the veterans' organization for which the person is soliciting money or other support is officially approved by the department of veterans' services REGISTERED WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE pursuant to section 41-603 44-6552.
- B. A person who violates this section is guilty of a class 3 misdemeanor.
 - Sec. 2. Section 41-603, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 41-603. <u>Powers and duties</u>
- A. The department may act as guardian of an incapacitated veteran, the incapacitated spouse of a veteran or minor children of a veteran, or as conservator of the estate of a protected veteran or of the veteran's incapacitated or surviving spouse or of the minor children of a veteran. The department may act in all fiduciary matters, including as power of attorney, trustee, custodian or representative payee of a veteran, spouse of a veteran or minor child of a veteran. The department may act as the personal representative of the estate of a deceased veteran, deceased spouse of a veteran or deceased child of a veteran.
 - B. The department shall:
- 1. Assist veterans and their families and dependents in presenting, providing and establishing claims, privileges, rights and benefits they may have under federal, state or local law.
- 2. Inform veterans and their families and dependents and military and civilian authorities about federal, state and local laws enacted to benefit veterans and their families and dependents and members of the armed forces.
- 3. Collect information relating to services and facilities available to veterans.
- 4. Cooperate with all government and private agencies receiving services for or benefits to veterans and their families and dependents.
- 5. Conduct administrative reviews and, if possible, correct abuses or prevent exploitation of veterans and their families or dependents and recommend corrective legislation.
 - 6. Adopt rules deemed necessary to administer this article.
- 7. Enter into agreements with veterans' organizations in this state holding a charter granted by the Congress of the United States for the beneficial interest of veterans.
- 8. Verify and provide written confirmation to the person of eligibility for special license plates issued pursuant to section 28-2455 by determining that all of the following are true:

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- (a) The person was a member of the United States armed forces on December 7, 1941.
- (b) The person received an honorable discharge from the United States armed forces.
- (c) The person was on station on December 7, 1941, during the hours of 7:55 a.m. to 9:45 a.m., Hawaii time at Pearl Harbor, the Island of Oahu or offshore, at a distance not exceeding three miles.
- 9. Evaluate, supervise, approve and disapprove programs offered by educational institutions and training establishments pursuant to United States Code titles 10 and 38 and state rules, so that veterans and their dependents may draw the educational allowance provided by federal law while pursuing approved programs.
- 10. Approve or disapprove veterans' organizations seeking to solicit money or other support in this state in the name of American veterans.
 - C. The department may:
- 1. Acquire property for and construct and operate a veterans' home facility in southern Arizona.
- 2. Acquire property for and establish and operate cemeteries for veterans in this state.
- 3. Establish a training center to provide training to current or potential employees and the veteran community. The department may establish a fee for this training.
- 4. Award the Arizona gold star military medal, if appropriate and if funding is available.

ARPROVED BY THE GOVERNOR MARCH 15, 2012.

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| by the following vote: 5\(\phi \) Ayes, | by the following vote: |
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| at 10:27 o'clock A. M. | |
| Governor of Arizona | EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA OFFICE OF SECRETARY OF STATE |
| S.B. 1293 | This Bill was received by the Secretary of State this 15th day of March, 2012, |
| | at /2:53 o'clock P. M. Secretary of State |